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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/819,554

Applicant(s)

DUCLOUX ET AL.

Examiner

Behrooz Senfi

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/18/2004, fwd 2/1/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 5 and 7 – 9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 – 5 and 7 - 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Peterson et al (US 5,986,712).

Regarding claims 1 and 7, Peterson '712 discloses, "high definition image encoding" (i.e. fig. 1), and "image being split into panels" (i.e. fig. 1, stripes/bands, col. 2, lines 49 – 51), and "an encoder being assigned to each panel" (i.e. fig. 2, strip encoders), and "two or more panels constituting over the length of the image, a horizontal band of the image" (horizontal stripes/bands are extending over the length of the image, thus consist with the disclosure of fig. 1 in the specification of the present application), and "a rate control is implemented at a band level as a function of a preset bit rate for the band" (i.e. figs 1 – 2, local/global rate control), and "each encoder of the band taking into account a same Video Buffer Verifier (VBV) calculated for the whole band" (i.e. fig. 3, local and global VBV), and "each encoder is coupled to another encoder, in claim 7" reads on (i.e. fig. 1, 110).

Regarding claims 2 – 5 and 8 - 9, the limitations “preset bit rate allocated to a horizontal band, in claim 2” reads on (i.e. fig. 3, target bit rate), and “coding cost is calculated on the basis of a pre-analysis of the image” is inherent, the target bit rate is known based on a pre-analysis, and “cost of coding or complexity, in claim 4” reads on (i.e. fig. 3) and “preset bit rate of horizontal band is in part the preset bit rate for the complete image....., in claims 5, 9” reads on (i.e. fig. 3, 303, 302).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claim 6 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of the record fails to anticipate nor rendered obvious the mathematical equation of “preset bit rate of a horizontal band is equal to: $D_i = (p \cdot x_i/x + (1-p) \cdot n/N) D$, as defined in the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Behrooz Senfi** whose telephone

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number is **(571)272-7339**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Chris Kelley** can be reached on **(571)272-7331**.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relative to the status of the application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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